

## **Bankruptcy Legal Services Agreement (Post-Petition Services)**

This is an agreement between the undersigned Scarlett Miller ( the Client) and the LAW OFFICES OF DAVID FREYDIN, P.C., a debt relief agency that helps people file bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy Code, for post-petition services in her Chapter 13 case.

This agreement is not mandatory, and any earlier payment plan is stayed by operation of the bankruptcy. However, continued representation in this bankruptcy is conditioned upon your entering into this agreement. Pursuant to Loan Rule 2091-1(B), if you do not wish to enter into this agreement, the court may allow us to withdraw from representation.

Client agrees to pay the Law Firm \$1,000.00 as a "Basic Flat Fee" for post-petition services.

The "Basic Flat Fee" covers the following services: A) preparation and filing of a Voluntary Petition for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy amendments; B) attendance at the first meeting with the trustee scheduled by the court and C) the Law Firm will provide one copy of the filed Bankruptcy Petition and the Discharge of Debtor if applicable. If the Law Firm or the Client decide to terminate this agreement then any funds provided to the Law Office by the Client shall not be refundable to the extent that the Law Firm earns them and the Law Firm can hold the Client owing for any work completed in accordance with the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 1.16(a) (4) and (e) based on the regular hourly rate.

The "Basic Flat Fee" only covers those services specifically listed above. The flat fee shall apply only to cases that have been filed with the court. If the services of the Law Firm are terminated either by the requirements set by the Law Firm or by the Client then all funds provided to the Law Firm may be applied to work completed by the Law Firm in accordance with the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 1.16(a) (4) and (e) based on the regular hourly rate.

All other services are to be provided at the rate of \$395 ("regular hourly rate") per hour billed in 0.2 hour increments. Support staff time at \$95 per hour billed in 0.2 hour increments. While the petition is being prepared, if the Client requests substantial changes to the petition (e.g. changing the case from a single person to a joint filing) or if the filing is delayed so that the petition needs to be revised, then the Law Firm will impose a additional fee based on the hourly rate for the change, however, the charge will be no less than \$475.

Certain aspects of the services provided may be completed by clerical staff or by licensed and qualified counsel retained by the Law Firm to aid in the efficient and competent completion of the services as contracted. LAW OFFICES OF DAVID FREYDIN, P.C., may not provide all of the services in the contract personally. The attorneys may not be associates or of counsel to the Law Firm. Other attorneys may be used based on necessity. All attorney work will be billed at the same hourly rate set out in this contract regardless of the compensation agreement between the performing attorney and the Law Firm.

The Client authorizes the Law Firm to begin work necessary for bankruptcy filing. The Client authorizes the Law Firm to respond to phone calls from creditors and provide information regarding the preparation and subsequent filing of the bankruptcy. The Client agrees to cooperate with the attorney in the preparation of the Bankruptcy Petition and provide complete, accurate, and truthful information for each and every question. The Client must respond promptly to all correspondence with the Law Firm and provide updated address and telephone numbers. The Client agrees to provide complete disclosure and accurate replacement value for all assets.

The Law Firm is authorized to immediately withdraw from representing the Client under any of the following circumstances: A) the Client fails to cooperate with the Law Firm in the preparation and implementation of the Client's case; B) the Client fails to pay fees and costs as agreed; C) the Client makes misrepresentations or misleading statements to the Law Firm; D) the Client delays filing for two (2) months from signing this agreement without making arrangements with the Law Firm; E) the Client delays filing until circumstances change which affect the bankruptcy law or the process of filing; F) the Client fails to cooperate in the process of preparing the bankruptcy or pursuing the Bankruptcy Petition; or G) the Law Firm feels compelled to withdraw based on law, court order or ethical reasons.

All payment to the Law Firm shall constitute an “advance payment retainer”. An advance payment retainer consists of a present payment to the Law Firm in exchange for the commitment to provide legal services in the future. Ownership of this retainer passes to the lawyer immediately upon payment. There exists the option to place funds provided to the Law Firm into a classic security retainer. However, this Attorney Client agreement does not provide for a classic security retainer due to the nature of the bankruptcy proceeding. Funds held under the classic security retainer may be subject to garnishment by creditors and could be seen as an asset by the bankruptcy court.

All documents and notes provided to the Law Firm may be destroyed at the Law Firm’s discretion once the Law Firm has completed its representation of the client. The Law Office will impose a charge for replacing lost documents or sending copies of documents. The Client understands that in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy if they receive any substantial windfall within 180 days of filing they must report these amounts to the Chapter 7 Trustee and that these amounts may be taken by the Trustee to pay the debts listed in the bankruptcy.

The Client agrees to keep attorney informed of changes of address, phone number, etc. during the course of the Client’s representation by the Law Firm. The Law Firm is not responsible for omissions or errors resulting from information from credit reports, regardless of whether the reports are obtained for the Client by the Law Firm. The Client is responsible for checking his/her petition at the time of signing to make sure that all information is correct and understood, and that all the creditors have been listed.

The Client acknowledges that the attorney is relying on the Client’s representations as to the existence of assets and debts, the secured or unsecured nature of these debts, as well as answer to all other questions on the petition. The Client understands that the Law Firm will not investigate the possible existence of liens against the Client’s property or person. The Client understands that if any such liens pre-date the filing of the Bankruptcy Petition, it may not be possible to avoid such a lien and the Law Firm makes no representation that any such lien can be avoided. The Client understands that the attorney will not undertake any investigation to determine whether the creditors are secured or unsecured, but will rely upon representations from the Client as to any such security interests. The Client is responsible for paying any costs incurred for the preparation or prosecution of their case. The Client grants permission to the Law Firm to incur reasonable expenses on behalf of the Client towards the preparation and prosecution of this case for which the Client will be responsible.

In the event that this contract does not accurately reflect the representations by the attorney then it is important that the Client not sign these documents until the corrections have been made. The Client acknowledges that no guarantees or assurances have been made by the Law Firm as to the disposition of the petition for bankruptcy. All comments by the attorney are expressions of opinion based upon experience as well as representations made by the Client. All expressions relative thereto are matters of opinion only.

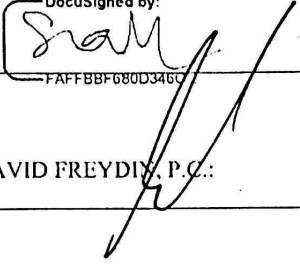
If the Client sees fit to sign a new attorney-client agreement with the Law Firm for services to file and/ or prepare a new bankruptcy filing then this agreement shall be no longer be valid and the new one will control, unless the new contract for bankruptcy services specifically states otherwise. If the new attorney-client agreement is for any other service besides preparing and/or filing a new bankruptcy, then this agreement shall remain valid.

The Client has been informed that certain debts are not dischargeable in bankruptcy. The Law Firm can only offer an opinion on the dischargeability of debt based on the representations of the Client. This contract does not retain the Law Firm to investigate or litigate the determination of dischargeability of a debt. The Client understands that Law Firm can make no representations as to the effect of bankruptcy filing on the creditor or credit reports of the Client, Client’s spouse, or any co-debtor. The Law Firm is not retained to correct errors of credit reporting agencies. The Client has been informed that bankruptcy could have an effect on immigration, criminal, family law and other non-bankruptcy proceedings and that the Client should consult with an attorney to advise and assist them in these matters.

The Client acknowledges that they are solely responsible for the completion of both the credit counseling and the financial management courses required by the Bankruptcy Code. The Client has acknowledged that failure to complete the course in the set time could result in the case being closed without discharge of debt.

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The Client has read this agreement and agrees with its terms and representations.

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CLIENTS:  DATE: 5/7/2022  
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LAW OFFICES OF DAVID FREYDIX, P.C.:  
